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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A mounting assembly comprising:
an upper base;
a lower base having a first tubular member;
first and second axial isolation layers; and
an isolator;
wherein said first and second isolation layers and said isolator are disposed between said upper and lower bases, wherein said first isolation layer and said isolator substantially circumscribe said first tubular member of said lower base, and all portions of said second axial layer are selectively positioned radially outward from said isolator and said second isolation layer substantially circumscribes said isolator;
wherein said upper base is adjacent and in communication with said second axial isolation layer and said isolator;
wherein said lower base is adjacent and in communication with said first axial isolation layer;
wherein said mounting assembly includes an annular gap adapted for receiving a tubular portion of a mounting surface;
wherein said upper base further includes a second tubular member; and
wherein said second tubular member and said first tubular member, when in a fully installed position, may be rotated relative one another.
2. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said first and second isolation layers and said isolator each have an aperture, wherein said apertures substantially circumscribe said first tubular member.
3. (Cancelled).
4. (Currently Amended) A mounting assembly according to claim 4 1, wherein said second tubular member has a smaller diameter than said first tubular member, such that said second tubular member slidingly engages into said first tubular member.

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5. (Currently Amended) A mounting assembly according to claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein said second tubular member has a dimple for engaging a fastener.

6. (Previously Presented) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said upper base includes a lip extending axially from an outer circumference of said upper base, and said lip is generally cylindrical.

7. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said isolator and said first isolation layer are constructed as one integral piece.

8. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said first and second isolation layers and said isolator are constructed of a wire mesh material.

9 - 13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) An assembly for mounting an object to a mounting surface comprising:

a load absorbing member defining a central opening, said member having an inner surface, an outer surface, and an upper base including an axially extending generally cylindrical lip portion and an integral tubular member;

first and second isolation layers disposed in a region defined by said outer surface of said load absorbing member, each of said isolation layers including inner surfaces that substantially circumscribe said outer surface of said member; and

an isolator disposed in a region defined by said inner surface of said second isolation layer and said outer surface of said member, said isolator having an outer surface spaced apart from the inner surface of said second isolation layer to form an annular gap for receiving a tubular portion of the mounting surface, wherein said integral tubular member extends through at least a portion of said isolator, and wherein at least a portion of said tubular portion is interposed between at least a portion of said lip and at least a portion of said integral tubular member.

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15. (Previously Presented) An assembly as in claim 14, wherein said load absorbing member includes a lower base.

16. (Previously Presented) An assembly as in claim 15, wherein said lower base includes a first tubular member, and wherein said integral tubular member slidably engages said first tubular member, defining said central opening.

17. (Previously Presented) An assembly as in claim 16, wherein said integral tubular member includes a dimple for engaging a fastener.

18. (Original) A mounting assembly according to claim 14, wherein said isolator and said first isolation layer are constructed as an integral piece.

19. (Original) An assembly as in claim 14, wherein said first and second isolation layers and said isolator are made from a wire mesh material.

20. (Currently Amended) A mounting assembly comprising:
a lower base including a first tubular member;
an upper base including a second tubular member slidably engaging said first tubular member;
a first axial isolation layer disposed adjacent said lower base;
a second axial isolation layer adjacent said upper base; and
an isolator selectively in contact with ~~adjacent~~ said upper base and in communication with said first isolation layer, said isolator having an outer surface spaced apart from an inner surface of said second axial isolation layer to form an annular gap for receiving a tubular portion of a mounting surface, and wherein said second tubular member is interposed within said first tubular member with no other portions of said assembly interposed between said first tubular member and said second tubular member.

21. (Previously Presented) A mounting assembly according to claim 20, wherein said isolator and said first axial isolation layer are formed as one integral piece.

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22. (Previously Presented) A mounting assembly according to claim 20, wherein said first axial isolation layer, said second axial isolation layer, and said isolator each have an aperture, said apertures substantially circumscribes said first tubular member.

23. (Previously Presented) A mounting assembly according to claim 20, wherein at least one of said first axial isolation layer, said second axial isolation layer, and said isolator is formed of a wire mesh material.

24. (New) A mounting assembly according to claim 20, wherein said annular gap extends from said upper base to said first isolation layer.

25. (New) A mounting assembly according to claim 20, wherein said upper base includes a lip extending axially from an outer circumference of said upper base.

26. (New) A mounting assembly according to claim 1, wherein said annular gap extends from said upper base to said first isolation layer.